

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES
EASTERN IOWA COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
September 16, 2013**

The Board of Trustees of the Eastern Iowa Community College District (Merged Area IX) met in Regular Session on September 16, 2013, in Room 1006 of the Kahl Educational Center, 326 West Third Street, Davenport, Iowa. President Robert Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following directors present: Dr. Joseph D'Souza, Mary Lou Engler, Michelle Garvin, Denise Hollonbeck, Bill Phelan. Absent: Kendra Beck, Kim Clausen, Milton Shaw.

Minutes from the August 19, 2013, Regular Board meeting had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director D'Souza, to approve the minutes as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

President Gallagher added two items at the end of the agenda under Unscheduled Business: appointment of Board HR Committee; and appointment of ACCT Congress voting delegate.

Director Phelan presented the IACCT report. He shared several handouts, including IACCT's annual report, 2014 legislative priorities, information about the 2014 IACCT conference in Des Moines, and a list of upcoming webinars for trustees. He encouraged Board members to participate in these webinars. He also noted that new Iowa Department of Education Director Brad Buck attended the last IACCT meeting and expressed his support for the state's community colleges.

Dr. Teresa Paper, SCC president, introduced Susan Hess, SCC assistant dean for international programs, who presented the staff report. Ms. Hess has been director of an international student program at SCC since 1988. The current program is Scholarships for Education and Economic Development (SEED), and SCC is host to 17 young women from Central American and Caribbean countries who are in their second year of studying business. The students learn English, study business, create a business plan for a community impact project in their home countries, and participate in community events in Iowa. Each of the students spoke briefly about her experiences and what she has learned. Jocelyn Firmin, a 2008 graduate of a similar program at SCC, has returned to the Quad Cities from her native Haiti and is working with John Deere. She spoke to the Board about how her experience and education at Scott Community College has helped her provide leadership in her home country, as well as advancing her career. Ms. Hess then shared a few stories of other graduates' successes. She noted that the program, which is funded through US AID, is in danger of losing its federal funding. She expressed her gratitude to EICC staff who have worked to prevent that loss.

A list of personnel items was presented for Board approval. Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Phelan, to approve the personnel list as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Mark Kapfer, executive director of economic development, presented two Chapter 260E preliminary agreements: Carleton Life Support Systems, Inc. d/b/a Cobham Mission Systems Division, in the amount of \$245,000; and Per Mar Security and Research Corporation, in the amount of \$210,000.

Director D’Souza moved, seconded by Director Engler, to approve the Chapter 260E preliminary agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve several contractual agreements: nursing clinical agreements with Evangelical Lutheran Good Samaritan Society and UnityPoint; a Kahl Building lease for QC Career Connections; classroom rental agreement at SCC with University of Iowa School of Social Work; renewal of the McGladrey contract for supplemental network administration services; renewal of the agreement with St. Ambrose University for the MBA program at MCC; and a Memorandum of Agreement with Community Foundation of the Great River Bend for program development services to QC Career Connections.

Director Engler moved, seconded by Director Phelan, to approve the contractual agreements. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The Board was asked to approve plans and specifications for the physical therapy assistant lab renovation at Clinton Community College, and also to authorize publication of notice to bidders and to schedule a public hearing for 7:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013, at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to approve the plans and specifications, authorize publication of notice to bidders and set the public hearing as requested. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Chancellor Doucette presented the final version of the 2013-2015 Strategic Priorities. He noted that everyone in the room, and hundreds beyond, had a voice in creating this ambitious and aspirational plan, and that he now recommends it to the Board for adoption. Director Engler noted that there is much to be done and expressed her pride and appreciation to the staff for the work that has been done to date and will be done in the next few years.

Director Phelan moved, seconded by Director Engler to adopt the 2013-2015 Strategic Priorities. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Financial reports for the month ending August 31, 2013, were presented. It was recommended that receipt of the reports be acknowledged and the reports placed on file.

Director Garvin moved, seconded by Director Hollonbeck, to acknowledge receipt of the reports and to place them on file. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Copies of the bills had been mailed to the Board members for their review. Board members were asked to approve payment of the bills as submitted.

Director D'Souza moved, seconded by Director Garvin, to approve payment of the bills as submitted. Ayes: all. Nays: none. Motion carried.

During Trustee Comments, President Gallagher thanked SCC for hosting the meeting and for the excellent staff report by the SEED students. He expressed hope that funding could be continued for this excellent program. Director Engler encouraged all to take a tour of the Kahl campus at some time, and Chancellor Doucette asked staff to provide that immediately following the meeting for those who wished to stay.

During Chancellor's Comments, Chancellor Doucette said that fall enrollment is up 2.5% in headcount and down about 1.5% in credit hours. He noted that EICC seems to have turned a corner after the adjustments made last year, and he believes this will be a very good year.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 21, 2013, in the Ellis Vetter Board Room at 306 West River Drive, Davenport, Iowa.

During Unscheduled Business, President Gallagher appointed four Board members to a Human Resources Committee: Directors Beck, Clausen, Hollonbeck and Shaw. He also appointed Vice President Engler as the Board's voting delegate in his absence at the ACCT Congress in Seattle.

President Gallagher adjourned the meeting at 7:51 p.m.

Honey H. Bedell, Board Secretary

Approved:

Board President